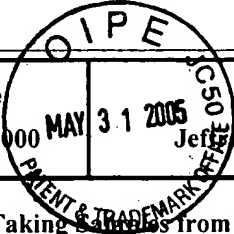
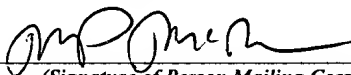
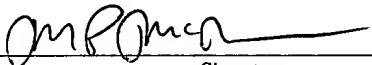
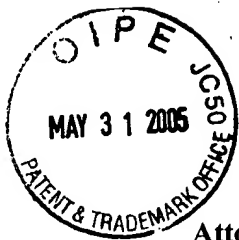


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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on May 23, 2005 in the subject application, Applicants respectfully submit the following revised amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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